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**RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Ex parte Quayle Action of November 2, 2006, in which a two-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 3, 2007 (January 2, 2007 being a government holiday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections set forth in the above-mentioned Ex parte Quayle Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.